

Any Lengths Online AA Group

Business Meeting Minutes - February 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 3:10p by Leon T, Group Chair, who led the group in the Serenity Prayer.

Treasurer's Report

Kris E was absent due to illness and will present this report at the February business meeting.

Coins/Birthdays Report

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Website Report

Mike G reported that he had found someone who knows about the Any Lengths website, any-lengths.org, which expires April 2023. His contact said that until the current site expires, we can't edit or change it, but we can copy it and recreate another site. Mike G's contact also took the initiative to reserve "any-lengths.com" as opposed to "any-lengths.org" for our possible use in the future if that becomes necessary. However, the contact also told Mike G that there were already 166 other sites with the name Any Lengths.

Melody J reported that Pat D's daughter hasn't responded to repeated requests for copies of all the group's documents for the website which are on Pat D's computer.

Chair Reports

Sunday - John: Absent. Brent reporting for John: "Everything is going good. No problems."

Monday - Scott: Absent

Tuesday - Brent: "It's going great."

Wednesday - Leon T: "It's gone really well, I think, with good attendance."

Thursday - Melody J: "It's the Big Book meeting and those who want to study it are there."

Friday - Rose: Absent

Saturday - Mike G reporting: "It's going well. It's a lot of fun. Lining up speakers for next month and have plenty of people to ask to speak."

Old Business

H&I - Rose was to report back, but was absent.

GSO - Mike G and Ken M reported they attended an online meeting to get more information. They learned that there are currently two online GSO districts available for online groups to join, one in New York and one in West Washington State. However, Mike G has learned that Area Assembly meetings are in-person only, not online meetings.

Mike G and Ken M also earned that a new Area District for online meetings is about two years away from becoming a reality. So it would be up to Any Lengths to vote on whether to join the Western Washington District. Then Any Lengths money would go to that existing District, but we would not have a vote at this time. Also a General Services Representative (GSR) for Any Lengths would need to attend meetings on the third Saturday of each _____???.

A motion was made/seconded/approved (M/S/A) (Paula C/Dee N) to elect Mike G as the General Services Representative (GSR). Mike G as Any Lengths' GSR will be attending District meetings before we donate any money.

Ken M suggested that the GSR show up at the next meeting of the Western Washington District meeting to get paper work for Any Lengths to join that District.

Protocol for Service with Any Lengths after Abruptly Leaving (Ghosting) Meetings and Service Positions for Reasons Other than Relapse

M/S/A (Paula C/Jack P) that going forward, anyone who abruptly leaves the Any Lengths online meetings and their service positions will contact Paula C, Service Coordinator or Dee N, Alternate Service Coordinator when they return to Any Lengths meetings if they wish to serve on the service team. The person who left abruptly will then be required to sit out two months of service (one service rotation) after returning to the meetings before they can again return to service. They will also need to restart service in the Screensharer/Timekeeper position for at least one service rotation (two months) before they can serve as Chair or Tech/Chat Host, service positions which also require a group vote before service.

New Business

- Jack P made a motion that language be added to the meeting scripts informing people who are laughing, carrying on side conversations or otherwise doing things that make them unable to fully attend to the meeting and the person speaking that they will be asked to turn off their camera until they can respectfully focus on the meeting and if they don't the Tech/Chat Host will turn their camera off. In discussion it was pointed out that if the Tech/Chat Host turns off a person's camera, then the person cannot turn his camera back on. (This was later determined not to be the case. The T/C Host can send the person a request to turn their video back on which allows them once again to turn their own video on and off themselves.) After discussion, Jack P withdrew his motion. This item is tabled for discussion at the next business meeting. Jack P and Susanne and Paula C will meet to collaborate on a resolution to this on-going issue and to propose wording, if necessary, to be added to the meeting scripts.
- The issue of Chairs doing a "performance" rather than facilitating the meeting was raised. Leon T, Group Chair, will handle this issue when it arises.

- A suggestion that Chairs ask people not to share if they have been drinking/loaded in the past 24 hours was discussed. It was decided that the Tech/Chat Host will handle this on a one-to-one, individual basis.
- Mike G reminded the group that he needs an alternate GSR. This item is tabled to the March business meeting.

Leon T closed the meeting by leading the group in the Responsibility Statement.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11p.

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